

Appl. No. 09/843,496  
Amdt. dated Sept. 5, 2006  
Reply to Office action of May 4, 2006

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Appl. No.: 09/843,496    | ) | TC/A.U. 3724                  |
| Applicants: Ashby et al. | ) | Examiner: Stephen Choi        |
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| Title: Easy Cutter       | ) | Att. Docket No. 29985/05-113A |

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 4, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P O. Box 1450  
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Dear Commissioner:

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office action having a mail date of May 4, 2006. The fee for a one month extension of time is submitted herewith. Applicants note that September 4, 2006 fell on Labor Day, a national holiday, and therefore this paper is submitted on the first regular business day thereafter. Accordingly, only a one-month extension is required.

Please amend the application and consider the remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.